

Statutes or Part 4 of Article 18 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes, or any other applicable statutory authority."

SECTION 4. G.S. 143-139 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(e) State Buildings. – With respect to State buildings, the Department of Administration shall have general supervision, through the Office of State Construction, of the administration and enforcement of all sections of the North Carolina State Building Code pertaining to plumbing, electrical systems, general building restrictions and regulations, heating and air conditioning, fire protection, and the construction of buildings generally, except those sections of the Code the enforcement of which is specifically allocated to other agencies by subsections (c) and (d) of this section, and shall also exercise all remedies as provided in subsection (b1) of this section. The Department of Administration shall be the only agency with the authority to seek remedies pursuant to this section with respect to State buildings. Except as provided herein, nothing in this subsection shall be construed to abrogate the authority of the Commissioner of Insurance under G.S. 58-31-40 or any other provision of law."

SECTION 5. G.S. 143-341(3)d. reads as rewritten:

"d. To supervise and inspect all work done and materials used in the construction or renovation of all State buildings and all community college buildings whose plans and specifications must be examined and approved under a.2. of this subdivision; to act as the appropriate official inspector or inspection department for purposes of G.S. 143-143.2; and no such work may be accepted by the State or by any State agency until it has been approved by the Department."

SECTION 6. The North Carolina Code Officials Qualification Board shall issue a Level III standard certificate for the exercise of duties pursuant to G.S. 143-341(3) to any person who (i) was employed by the Department of Administration on the day this act became effective; (ii) successfully completes a course, developed pursuant to this section, relating to the State Building Code regulations and Code-enforcement administration; (iii) successfully completes all examinations required by the North Carolina Code Officials Qualification Board; and (iv) possesses a valid license to practice as an architect, registered pursuant to Chapter 83A of the General Statutes, or a professional engineer, registered pursuant to Chapter 89C of the General Statutes. The North Carolina Code Officials Qualification Board, in consultation with the Departments of Administration and Insurance, shall develop an expedited course of training on State Building Code regulations and Code-enforcement administration to facilitate persons obtaining Level III standard certification in accordance with this section.

SECTION 7. The Department of Insurance shall transfer to the Department of Administration four building code review positions selected by the Department of Administration for the purpose of assisting the Department of Administration in administering G.S. 143-341(3) and G.S. 143-139(e). These positions shall be supported by the Insurance Regulatory Fund at one hundred percent (100%) of the full budgeted amount for each position from fiscal year 2009-2010 through fiscal year 2011-2012. Beginning fiscal year 2012-2013, the State Treasurer, as custodian of the State Property Fire Insurance Fund, shall support those positions out of the State Property Fire Insurance Fund.

SECTION 8. There are established within the Department of Administration four new Engineering/Architectural Technician – Advanced positions at a budgeted amount of sixty-nine thousand eight hundred sixty-two dollars (\$69,862) each for the purpose of assisting the Department in administering G.S. 143-341(3) and G.S. 143-139(e). These positions shall be supported by the Insurance Regulatory Fund.

SECTION 9. Section 2 of S.L. 2007-169, as amended by Section 45 of S.L. 2008-187, reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding G.S. 143-52.1 and S.L. 2006-203, through June 30, 2009, 2011, the members of the Advisory Budget Commission in office on June 30, 2007, shall continue to be eligible for appointment to the Board of Awards, and vacancies may be filled by